

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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OUTBREAK OF BIRD FLU  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there was an outbreak of bird-flu in West Bengal and Assam in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there was large scale culling of poultry in these States; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to arrest the spread of bird- flu to other neighbouring States?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTR OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a) &. (b) An outbreak of bird-flu was reported in village Bhamondanga Part-1 in Agomoni block of Dhubri district in Assam on 8th September, 2011. Two more outbreaks of bird-flu were reported on 19th September, 2011 in villages Nanshatoia and Putimari in Tehatta block of Nadia District in West Bengal.
- (c) In the control and containment operations, 15,409 birds were culled in Assam and 48,581 in West Bengal. A sum of Rs. 6.52 lakh and Rs. 19.29 lakh was paid as compensation in Assam and West Bengal respectively.
- (d) The control and containment operations were carried out immediately to arrest the spread of bird-flu within the State & to the neighbouring States. Ali the States have been alerted to maintain a strict vigil and continue the surveillance in poultry birds for prevention of occurrence of bird-flu. The Post Operational Surveillance is in progress in both the States which will be continued for three months as per the Action Plan.